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Elizabeth Ortiz, Executive Director Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council 1951 W. Camelback, Suite 202 Phoenix, AZ 85015

RE: Arizona Revised Statutes §8-817(B)(8) Annual Report

Dear Ms. Ortiz:

Enclosed please find the FY16-17 annual report compiled pursuant to ARS §8-817(B)(8) detailing the results of joint investigations of allegations involving crimes against children by a parent, guardian or custodian of a child or an adult member of the child's household in Yavapai County.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (928) 777-7352 if I can provide any additional information. I appreciate the continued interest that your office has in the welfare of children and families in our state.

Very truly yours,

Sheila Sullivan Polk Yavapai County Attorney

Enclosure



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2016-2017 REPORT PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §8-817(B)(8)

Arizona Revised Statutes §8-817(B)(8) requires the county attorney for each county to prepare an annual report that contains the following information for crimes against children by a parent or guardian involving "criminal conduct allegations:"

- The number of cases presented for review
- The number of cases jointly investigated
- The number of persons charged in those cases
- The reasons why charges were not pursued
- The disposition of these cases

In May 2016, the Yavapai County Attorney's Office implemented a new case management system, Prosecutor by Karpel (PbK) and an upgrade was received in June 2017. The system was set up to capture the required data. This will be the first time we are relying on the system. During the review and verification of the data, it was discovered that the data was not accurately counted. As a result, our data may be under-reported. We continue to work with the new system to address the data issues/concerns.

Number	Yavapai County Case Data
91	Investigations of criminal conduct allegations presented to County Attorney's Office for review
36	Number of investigations jointly investigated
31	Persons charged
5	Cases declined for insufficient evidence; returned to law enforcement for additional investigation; or referred to another agency for prosecution.

Dispositions	
31	Persons charged
20	Convictions
0	Dismissed without prejudice
11	Pending